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RE: APPLICATION 09/868,689**OUR REFERENCE No.:****005222.00163**

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COMMENTS: EXAMINER HIRL,

AS WE DISCUSSED, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SCHEDULING OF A TELPEPHONE INTERVIEW ON TUESDAY JUNE 29, 2004 AT 10 ET. THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEW IS TO:

- **DISCUSS THE REJECTIONS OF THE IDS RELATED TO US PATENTS.**
- **AS WE STATED IN THE FILED IDS, ALL THE CITED US PATENTS, AS CITED IN THE ELECTRONIC IDS, ARE OF RELEVANCE IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE PRESENT PATENT APPLICATION BECAUSE EACH REFERENCE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED IN RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS OF THE PRESENT PATENT APPLICATION.**
- **OUR CLIENT HAS REQUESTED THAT WE ASK THAT SOMEONE WITH SIGNATORY AUTHORITY ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.**

Ken Smolik

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